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SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK CASE: CONCLUDING JOINT PRESS STATEMENT
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING
CONCLUSION OF LAST INTERROGATION SESSION, NOON, FEBRUARY 1.
BEGIN TEXT:
TITLE: JOINT STATEMENT BY KOREAN AND UNITED STATES PROSECUTORS.
UNDER THE MUTUAL PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, MR. TONGSUN
PARK WAS SUMMONED TO THE SEOUL DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE WHERE HE WAS INTERROGATED BY KOREAN AND UNITED STATES
PROSECUTORS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 13 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1978,
CONCERNING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS.
THE PROCEDURES USED IN THE INTERROGATION WERE AS SET FORTH
IN THE MPAA SIGNED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES ON JANUARY 10, 1978.
DURING THE INTERROGATION, THE PROSECUTORS OF BOTH COUNTRIES
FULLY OBSERVED THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ON TERMS AND
CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH MR. TONGSUN PARK. THE
PROSECUTORS COOPERATED FULLY. AS A RESULT, THE INTERROGATION
PROCESS PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY.
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1. THE INTERROGATION WAS WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT
AND WAS FULL AND FREE. IT WAS ALSO CONTINUOUS, AND WITHOUT
INTERRUPTION OR DELAY. THERE WERE NO DIFFICULTIES OF LANGUAGE,
AS MR. PARK WAS QUESTIONED IN KOREAN BY THE KOREAN PROSECUTORS
AND THEN IN ENGLISH BY THE UNITED STATES PROSECUTORS.
2. THE QUESTIONING WAS DETAILED, COMPREHENSIVE, AND DONE IN A
PROFESSIONAL AND THOROUGH MANNER, IN AN EFFORT TO FIND OUT THE
WHOLE TRUTH. THE RESULTING TESTIMONY IS REGARDED AS VERY
USEFUL. NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS SUCH AS FINFNCIAL RECORDS AND
DIARIES WERE SHOWN TO THE WITNESS TO REFRESH HIS RECOLLECTION AS
TO SPECIFIC FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
3. QUESTIONING WAS CONDUCTED ON SEVENTEEN (17) DAYS. THE
TRANSCRIPTS RUN TO MORE THAN 2,000 PAGES. POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS
WERE CONDUCTED ON TWELVE SEPARATE OCCASIONS.
4. THE QUESTIONING COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN MR. TONGSUN PARK AND PRESFNT AND FORMER UNITED STATES
OFFICIALS. ACCORDINGLY, THE TESTIMONY CONCERNED POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS OF ETHICAL CODES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
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CRIMINAL STATUTES.
THE RESULT OF THE INTERROGATION IS DETAILED TESTIMONY WHICH SHOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. ALL ENGLISH TRANSCRIPTS ARE BEING PROVIDED TO THE KOREAN PROSECUTORL.
THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ABIDE BY EVERY PROVISION OF THE MPAA IN THE FUTURE, IN A CONTINUING SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION, WHICH REFLECTS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, THROUGHL
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DILIGENT EFFORTS, TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN OUR TRADITIONAL CLOSE TIES. END TEXT.
(COMMENT: IN BRIEF, Q AND A SESSION FOLLOWING READING OF JOINT STATEMENT, MICHEL STRESSED POSITIVE ASPECTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AND DECLINED ANY COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF INTERROGATION. HE ALSO INFORMED PRESS OF HIS INTENDED DEPARTURE FROM KOREA ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3.)
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